



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 10/602,049

Examiner: T. Nguyen

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For: STATOR COIL MADE OF JOINED CONDUCTOR SEGMENTS FOR ROTARY
ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 30, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-3, with traverse. Applicants remind the Patent Office that a similar Restriction Requirement was mailed May 26, 2004 and a reply was filed on June 14, 2004 electing claims 1-3, with traverse. Applicants conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Nguyen on July 6, 2004 regarding this matter. Examiner Nguyen acknowledged the error and indicated that she would address the issue in the next Office Action.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-5 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the

merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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